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*In re* Application of:  
BUHLER, BRUCE A.  
Serial No.: 09/236,373  
Filed: January 25, 1999  
Title: MULTIPLE TORCH APPARATUS

DECISION ON RENEWED  
PETITION TO ACCEPT  
DUPLICATE PAPER UNDER  
37 C.F.R. 1.181

This is a decision on the petitioner's renewed petition filed on March 20, 2006, requesting a reconsideration of the January 20, 2006 decision dismissing a petition to accept duplicate paper.

The renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

In his previous petition, petitioner provided a USPTO-stamped postcard receipt dated December 16, 2003 with a copy of the 29 pages of amendments and remarks. The stamped postcard receipt does not serve as *prima facie* evidence of receipt of any item which is not adequately itemized on the postcard (see MPEP 503). In the dismissal of the prior petition, the petitioner was requested to explain the adequacy of the duplicate paper, especially because there was no adequately itemized postcard receipt to serve as *prima facie* evidence of receipt of the original paper.

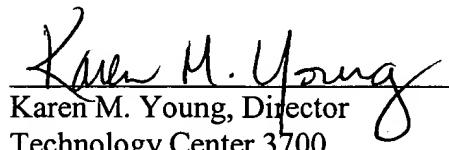
In the present renewed petition, petitioner has given an explanation for the acceptance of duplicate paper, namely: 1) showing that there was only one outstanding communication concerning the current application, of which the December 16, 2003 receipt was the response; and 2) explaining that the duplicate paper was signed in blue ink because the attorney's computer records did not have a signature on the file, and that the USPTO prefers blue ink.

In light of the above, the renewed petition to accept duplicate paper is granted. The examiner is instructed to accept the duplicate papers.

*Application Serial No. 09/236,373*  
*Decision on Petition*

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Patent Examiner of Art Unit 3749 for further process. Should petitioner have any further questions, he is invited to contact TC 3700 SPRE Henry Yuen at 571-272-4856.

Summary: PETITION GRANTED.

  
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